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SUBJECT: EARTHQUAKE IN THE CAUCASUS

PASS INTERIOR AND HUD

1. "PRAVDA" JAN 12 REPORTED THAT AN EARTHQUAKE OCCURRED IN THE AREA OF MAKHACHKALA, BUYNAKSK AND NEARBY VILLAGES IN THE DAGHESTAN ASSR AT 2:10 A.M. JAN 10. INITIAL SHOCK WAS REGISTERED AT EIGHT "BALLS" BY THE BUYNAKSK SEISMIC STATION AND WAS FOLLOWED BY A SERIES OF WEAKER TREMORS. ACCORD NG TO THE SOVIET SCALE FOR REGISTERING THE SEVERITY OF EARTH TREMORS, A TREMOR OF EIGHT BALLS IS DESCRIBED AS "DESTRUCTIVE" (RAZRUSHITEL'NOYE) AND IS CAPABLE OF HEAVILY DAMAGING HOUSES, TOPPLING MONUMENTS AND CAUSING FISSURES IN STEEP SLOPES AND ON DRY GROUND (BOLSHAYA ENCYCLOPEDIA).

2. THERE WERE NO HUMAN DEATHS REPORTED, ALTHOUGH IN BUYNAKSK HOUSES, SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS AND ENTERPRISES OF OLD CONSTRUCTION WERE DAMAGED. FIVE-STORY BUILDINGS IN A NEW AREA OF THE CITY WHICH WERE SPECIALLY CONSTRUCTED TO WITHSTAND EARTHQUAKES AFTER TREMORS IN 1970 WERE APPARENTLY UNAFFECTED BY THE NEW TREMORS DESPITE FACT THAT EPICENTER OF EARTHQUAKE WAS LOCATED IN THAT RAYON,
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ACCORDING TO "PRAVDA".

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3. DEPARTMENT REQUESTED INFORM DR. ROBERT WALLACE, CHIEF, NATIONAL CENTER FOR EARTHQUAKE RESEARCH, US GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, MENLO PARK, CALIFORNIA AND L. WAYNE GERTMENIAN OF HUD OF ABOVE.
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